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SUBJECT: TERRORIST PLOT AGAINST FORMER MINISTER

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1. POLICE AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY RELATED TO THE PLOT TO KID-
NAP THE FORMER MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MP
ANNA-GRETA LEIJON, CONTINUES. SUFFICIENT INFORMATION IS NOW
AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, TO PIECE TOGETHER THE PLOT, ITS MOTIVATIONS
AND THE PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF THE TERRORIST GROUP.

2. LEIJON WAS THE GOS OFFICIAL IN THE PALME GOVERNMENT WHO,
UNDER TERMS OF THE SWEDISH TERRORIST LAW, AUTHORIZED THE
EXPULSION TO WEST GERMANY OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BAADER
MEINHOF GANG WHO HAD ATTACKED THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY IN
STOCKHOLM ON APRIL 24, 1975. THE PLANNED KIDNAPPING OF
LEIJON WAS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO OCCUR ON APRIL 24 OF
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THIS YEAR, THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK, IN A
SOUTH STOCKHOLM SUBURB. THE MOTIVATIONS, THEREFORE,
WERE BELIEVED TO BE THREE-FOLD: TO TAKE REVENGE FOR
LEIJON'S ROLE TWO YEARS AGO, TO USE HER AS LEVERAGE
IN DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF MEMBERS
NOW ON TRIAL IN WEST GERMANY, AND TO WARN OTHER GOVERNMENTS
WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THEY ACT AS THE GOS ACTED.

3. IN THEIR SEVERAL RAIDS ON APRIL 1, THE POLICE CONFISCATED A WIDE VARIETY OF THE TERRORISTS' TOOLS--RIFLES, PISTOLS, DYNAMITE, GAS MASKS, SOPHISTICATED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND CONSIDERABLE AMMUNITION. APPROXIMATELY 100 THOUSAND DMARKS WERE ALSO SEIZED. THE MEDIA HAVE PUBLICIZED EXTENSIVELY THE CRATE WHICH WAS TO BE USED TO TRANSPORT LEIJON FROM THE TIME OF HER PLANNED ABDUCTION DURING A HIGHWAY ACCIDENT TO THE BASEMENT OF A HOUSE IN SOUTH STOCKHOLM WHERE SHE WAS TO BE HELD CAPTIVE.

4. OF THE 31 PERSONS ARRESTED ON APRIL 1, 14 THUS FAR ARE SAID TO BE DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN THE KIDNAP PLOT (SIX FOREIGNERS AND EIGHT SWEDES). LEADER OF THE GROUP WAS NORBERT KROCHER, A WEST GERMAN EARLIER IMPLICATED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF WEST BERLIN MAYOR PETER LORENZ (BUT LATER RELEASED) AND IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE BAADER MEINHOF GROUP. HE AND THE SECOND WEST GERMAN NATIONAL INVOLVED IN THE CASE, MANFRED ADOMEIT, WERE BOTH FLOWN TO WEST GERMANY (DUSSELDORF) LATE APRIL 3 IN THE CUSTODY OF WEST GERMAN POLICE, AFTER THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM, HEINZ VOIGT, OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THEIR EXTRADITION. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, KROCHER WAS SAID TO HAVE REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN SWEDEN, A REQUEST IMMEDIATELY DENIED.

5. THE FOUR OTHER FOREIGNERS ARE: ALAN HUNTER OF ENGLAND WHO HAS BEEN IN SWEDEN SINCE 1971; MEXICAN CITIZENS ARMANDO GONZALES-CARRILLO AND TOMAS OKUSONO-CONFIDENTIAL

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MARTINEZ; AND CHILEAN CITIZEN MARIA CHRISTINA FUENTES CORREA, WIFE OF GONZALES-CARRILLO. THE THREE LATIN AMERICANS ARE SAID TO HAVE RESIDED IN SWEDEN AS POLITICAL REFUGEES. OKUSONO-MARTINEZ' BROTHER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN COPENHAGEN OVER THE WEEKEND ON SUSPICION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE FOUR FOREIGNERS, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, WILL NOT BE EXPELLED TO ANY COUNTRY WHERE THEIR LIVES WILL BE IN DANGER. THE SWEDISH NATIONAL POLICY BOARD, MEANWHILE, HAS DEMANDED THAT THE FOUR BE EXPELLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IN THESE CASES IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK.

6. THE EIGHT SWEDES IMPLICATED, AGES 23 TO 30 YEARS OLD (FOUR WOMEN, FOUR MEN), ARE SAID TO BE THE FIRST SWEDISH CITIZENS ACCUSED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY SINCE 1908. THE PRESS HAS NOTED THAT ALL SWEDISH LEGISLATION DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST TERRORISM AND TERRORISTS CONCERNS ACTS CARRIED OUT BY FOREIGN

NATIONALS AND IT IS NOT KNOWN YET HOW THESE CASES WILL
BE HANDLED IN THE COURTS.

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7. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN
SODER HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE TERRORISTS AS THE
ALTERNATIVE KIDNAP VICTIM IF CIRCUMSTANCES HAD PRE-
VENTED LEIJON'S ABDUCTION ON APRIL 24. MRS. SODER HAS
BEEN GIVEN AROUND THE CLOCK POLICE PROTECTION AS A RE-
SULT. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT OTHER GOS OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION OLA ULLSTEN, ARE RE-
CEIVING SIMILAR PROTECTION.

8. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO ANALYZE
THIS CASE ADEQUATELY, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE INCIDENT
HAS RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF THINKING
SWEDES REGARDING THIS COUNTRY'S WILLINGNESS (SOME SAY
EAGERNESS) TO RECEIVE A BROAD VARIETY OF SO-CALLED
POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO MANY
THAT SWEDISH CITIZENS HAD BECOME SO ENMESHED IN THE
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN TERRORIST GROUPS THAT
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THEY WERE APPARENTLY WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ABDUCTION AND POSSIBLE MURDER OF A HIGHLY RESPECTED
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. BEYOND THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC
OPINION, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS EXPERIENCE IS HAVING A
SOBERING EFFECT ON THE GOVERNMENT, AND WE HOPE THAT A RE-
CONSIDERATION OF SWEDISH IMMIGRATION POLICY AS REGARDS THE ACCEPT-
ANCE OF POLITICAL REFUGEES WILL TAKE PLACE.
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